



STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH CARE PIPELINE

The Regional Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) are active partners in promoting health career exploration for students in Kindergarten through 12 grade. Here is a sampling of the program activities available to students throughout the state! Contact information is provided in the slide notes to follow.

Why Focus On Health Care?



- MT has a workforce shortage in almost all counties.
- Students need academic and career training to be successful in these fields.
- At the very least, students will be knowledgeable about health care options.

The Great Hospital Adventure



Contact:

www.scmtahec.org

**For HOSA chapters in
your area that will
present this puppet
show for K-3 students**

Hands On Health-

www.spectrum.umt.edu



K-12 E-Newsletter

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www.scmtahec.org

Health Science Education E-News
Growing Montana's Healthcare Workforce

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Connecting Students to Health Careers



Greetings!

Gearing up!

We hope you are feeling refreshed and ready for a new school year! We at Montana's AHECs have been working to build programs that can support you in introducing students to the incredible world of health science and the incredible diversity of health careers available to them. Here are just a few facts to know about health careers:

- * Health careers are **VARIED!** From Clinical Lab Scientists to Genetic Counselors; from Speech and Language Pathologists to Health Informatics Specialists; from Dietitians to Social Workers -- there are career options for individuals of a wide array of interests and talents.
- * Health careers are **FLEXIBLE!** In many careers, practitioners can work full or part time, in rural or urban settings, locally or internationally.
- * Health careers are **REWARDING!** Not only do many health careers provide healthy salaries, health care professionals know they are helping others to live better, healthier lives.
- * Health careers are **IN DEMAND!** Across the board, health professions are projected to experience above-average job growth over the next two decades.

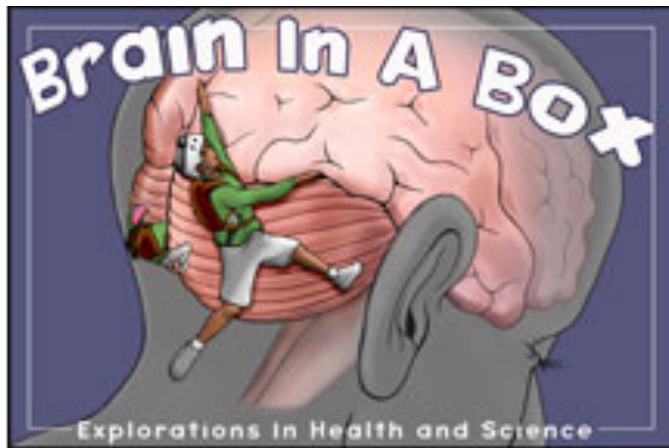
All in all, students who consider, and prepare for, a career in health care are setting themselves up for great opportunities! We want to help you help them! Let's get ready for a great year together!

Sincerely,
Montana's AHECs

Med Start Summer Camp Huge Success

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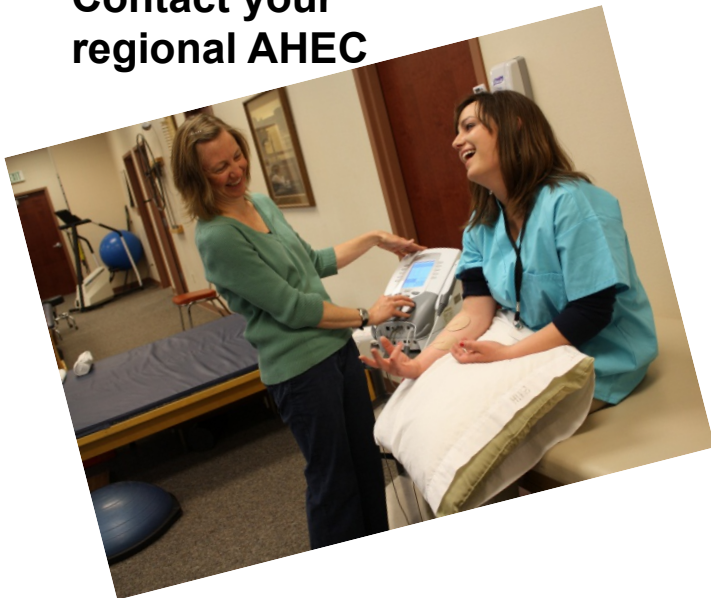
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